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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. These documents were cited in an Official Letter/Search Report dated February 18, 2005, for a counterpart Chinese application. Copies and English language abstracts of the cited Japanese documents are enclosed. For the Examiner's convenience a copy of the Chinese Official Letter/Search Report is also enclosed.

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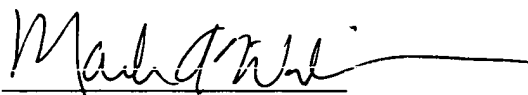
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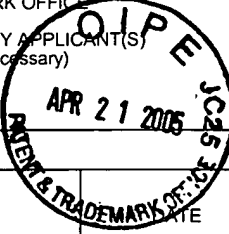
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Respectfully submitted,

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